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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants submit herewith a copy of one U.S. patent and one German patent of which the applicants are aware, and which may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose under 37 CFR 1.56.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 CFR 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability or that no other material information exists.

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A completed form PTO-1449, "Information disclosure Statement by Applicant -List of Items" is also enclosed, listing the cited documents and references for an indication that they have been considered by the Examiner.

No fee is considered necessary for filing of this Information Disclosure Statement since it is filed before the first Office Action or since the Russian Federal Institute of Industrial Property Search Report and the information contained therein were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office issued on 20 March 2002 not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

The above references were cited in the search report in corresponding Russian Patent Application No. 2001 118 748/12(020111). No representation is made or intended as to the adequacy of any search applicants or others may have performed or that more pertinent art is not available. Without any assertion of prior art effect, the documents on the attached list of Documents are cited by applicants for the Examiner who may consider these documents material to the examination of this application.

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The references submitted herewith are listed on PTO-Form 1449 (modified) attached hereto. A copy of each listed patent is being furnished.

Additional comments, if any, on the relevance of each reference listed are provided as follows:

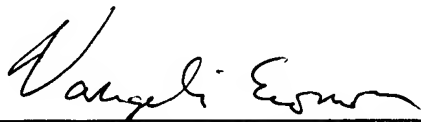
Although no English language translation of the German patent is readily available, an English language abstract is attached to the German patent. It is also noted that DE 19945403 is a counterpart of U.S. Patent No. 6,195,835, also cited herein.

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